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1. In mid-May 1949, the China Science Workers' Association, the Northeast Natural Science Research Society, the China Science Society, and the China Natural Science Society, all dominated by the Communist Party and Democratic League, decided to call an All-China Natural Science Workers' Representative Conference. The purpose of this conference was to study the problem of natural science as it applies to increase of production, economic reconstruction, and other phases of "liberation" work. Leading personnel of these four societies held a series of four meetings in Peiping to pick 248 natural science workers for the preparatory committee of the conference.
2. The leader of these preliminary discussions was WU Yu-chang (吳玉章), member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, and president of North China University. WU, a follower of MAO Tse-tung, had played an important part in the realization of MAO's ideas on education.
3. The first meeting of the preparatory committee took place in Peiping on 19 June 1949. The fact that only 120 members of the committee attended was probably not accidental.* All the members were encouraged to attend the second meeting of the conference, which was not a policy-making body.
4. Guests at the first meeting of the preparatory committee were CHU Te, CH'EN Yun, and LIN Po-ch'u. The chairman of the meeting, TSENG Chao-lun (曾昭倫), made an opening speech, and T'U Ch'ang-wang (涂長望) reported on the preparatory work for the conference. After speeches by the guests, eleven provisional secretaries were elected, including the following:

CH'EN San-ch'iang (陳三強)

MENG Shao-mung (孟少農)

HSIA K'ang-mung (夏康農)

SHEN Ch'i-i (沈其益)

LI Chih-chung (李志中)

TING Tsan (丁贊)

LU Yu-tao (盧于道)

YUAN Han-ch'ing (袁翰青)

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5. Following the election, the missions of the conference and abridged regulations governing the committee were discussed. Before adjourning, a meeting of all the members of the committee was set for 17 July 1949 in Peiping.
6. The second meeting of the preparatory committee for the convocation of the All-China Natural Science Workers' Representative Conference opened on 13 July. The 204 members present elected a presidium of 41 members, which included the following:

CHIEN Tung-shu (錢桐澍)

WU Yu-chang

CHU K'o-chen (竺可楨)

WU Yu-hsun (吳蔚訓)

LI Tsung-en (李宗恩)

YAO K'o-fang (姚克方)

LIANG Hsi (梁希)

YAO T'ien-yu (樂天宇)

LIU Ting (劉鼎)

YEH Ch'i-sun (葉企孫)

TSENG Chao-lun (曾昭倫)

YEN Chi-tz'u (嚴濟慈)

7. Guests who addressed the meeting were WU Yu-chang, CHOU En-lai, HSU T'ie-li (徐特立), deputy chief of the publicity department of the Chinese Communist Party, YEH Chien-ying, TUNG Pi-wu, LI Chi-shen and KUO Mo-jo. HO Ch'eng (何承) reported on natural science work in the liberated areas. The abridged regulations governing the committee were adopted. Seventeen natural science workers were chosen to attend the New Political Consultative Conference. After the sending of wires to MAO Tse-tung and various "international friends", a 35-member standing committee was elected, including WU Yu-chang, LIU Ting, YUAN Han-ch'ing, YEN Chi-tz'u, and TSENG Chao-lun.

8. The standing committee does the actual running of the organization. Both WU Yu-chang and LIU Ting, the most powerful men in the committee, are adherents of MAO Tse-tung. Very few of the science workers are followers of LI Li-san, who controls the majority of the other all-China unions.**

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* Comment. The formation of all-China organizations is always undertaken by a few top-ranking Communists, such as those who chose the 248 members of the preparatory committee. When important policy is to be made at the first meeting, these leaders are able to see to it that only trustworthy representatives are present.

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